

Process for Existing Septic Tank Abandonment

Meadowgreen Area Sanitary
Sewer Construction Project



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Two Components of a Septic System

What has to be done?

1. Abandon the tank(s)
2. Leave the field lines in the ground



Three Methods of Abandoning Tanks

Method #1

1. Pump and dispose of contents;
2. Collapse, crush & demolish tank walls and lid;
3. Leave rubble in the ground;
4. Backfill hole with gravel to within 12" of the ground surface;
5. Backfill remaining void with soil up to the ground surface.



Three Methods of Abandoning Tanks

Method #2

1. Pump and dispose of contents;
2. Collapse, crush & demolish tank walls and lid;
3. Completely remove rubble from the premises;
4. Dispose of rubble in an appropriate manner;
5. Backfill hole with soil up to the ground surface.



Three Methods of Abandoning Tanks

Method #3

1. Pump and dispose of contents;
2. Completely fill tank with an appropriate material;
 - Example: gravel, concrete, etc.
3. Backfill any remaining hole with soil up to the ground surface.



Qualified Contractors

Who can do the work?

- State-permitted pumping contractors
 - (refer to WCDSDM web site for list)
- Do not have to be WC-licensed septic system installers
- Certified & licensed plumbers
 - (refer to City of Franklin for approved list)



Approval Process

- No fee or permit required from WC;
- Provide proof of pumping to WCDSDM;
- Notify WCDSDM after abandonment but prior to final grading;
- WCDSDM will inspect, confirm & approve the abandonment.



QUESTIONS ?



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